

## Message Text

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R 010615Z JAN 76  
FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
TO USDOC WASHDC  
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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BBSR, CE  
SUBJ: WTDR/FTI METROPOLITAN AGENCIES LIMITED

REF: USDOC 16521

1. SRI LANKA 2. CNTRY CODE: 542 3. SER NO N/A  
4. METROPOLITAN AGENCIES LIMITED  
4A CODE: - 4B CODE - 4C CODE -  
5. 209/9 UNION PLACE  
6. COLOMBO 2, SRI LANKA  
7. ESTABL 1958  
8. EMPL 20  
9. SIZE: (21-X) SMALL  
10. REPUTATION: (22-X) GOOD  
11. -  
12. RPT DATE 12/75  
13A 35720 RET AGT & IMP OF "OPTIMA" TYPEWRITERS  
13B 35742 RET OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATING MACHINES  
13C 35796 RET AGT & IMP OF "TRODAT AND SAX"  
OFFICE SUPPLIES  
14. CONTACT: MR M J AMBANI TITLE MANAGER  
15. CABLE: "FOUNTAIN" COLOMBO 16. TELEX N/A  
17. TEL 35947  
18. FINANCIAL REF COMMERCIAL BANK OF CEYLON, SIR BARON  
JAYATILAKE MAWATTE COLOMBO 1  
1. TRADE REFS N/A  
20. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED AGENCY REPS OF HEINRICH  
SACHS, NEUSTIFTG 64 PO BOX 201 AUSTRIA FOR OFFICE  
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SUPPLIES, ACQUIRED 1962; TRODAT-WERKE, WIEN 66,

POSTFACH 143, AUSTRIA FOR NUMBERING MACHINES DATE STAMPS  
ETC ACQ 1962; AND BUROMASCHINEN EXPORTS, GMBH GDR  
FOR TYPEWRITERS ACQ 1975.

21. FIRM IS LOCATED IN A SMALL RESIDENTIAL BUNGALOW, AMONG  
FIVE OTHERS, IN A COMPOUND OFF A VERY BUSY TRUNK ROAD IN  
THE HEART OF THE CITY AND ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MILES FROM  
FORT, THE CHIEF BUSINESS AND SHOPPING CENTER OF COLOMBO.  
IT IS A PRIVATE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY WITH APAID UP  
CAPITAL OF RS 15,000. ITS DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS ITS  
MANAGER, ARE ALL OF ONE FAMILY AND, REPORTEDLY, REGISTERED  
CITIZENS OF SRI LANKA. FIRM DEALS IN OFFICE SUPPLIES,  
TYPEWRITERS AND ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS AND PROVIDES SERVICE  
FACILITIES WITH RESPECT TO 1) AUDIO EQUIPMENT OF  
ALL CLASSES 2) ELECTRONIC OFFICE MACHINES (EXCLUDING  
COMPUTERS AND OTHER DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT) 3)  
POWER CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND TEST GEAR, AND 4) NON-  
SPECIALISED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. SALES TURN OVER  
IN 1975, REPOTEDLY TOTAL ABOUT RS 750,000. MANAGER  
CONSIDERED WELL EXPERIENCED AND HIS SERVICES SOUGHT BY  
LEADING LOCAL FIRMS AND INSTITUTIONS. BANKING SOURCES  
STATE FIRM MAINTAINS SATISFACTORY CURRENT ACCOUNT, IS  
RESPECTABLE AND MAY BE CONSIDERED GOOD FOR ITS NORMAL  
BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS. SUBJECT FIRM IS RECOMMENDED AS  
A TRADE CONTACT FOR INTERESTED US FIRMS.

22. PREPARED BY S PATHMANATHAN APPROVED BY JMHAWLEY III  
AT US EMBASSY COLOMBO SRI LANKA.  
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